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Reports from Matanzas, Cardenas, Isabela de Sagua, and Caibarien—Suspicious case of fever at Cardenas.

MATANZAS, CUBA, July 25, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following sanitary report of the quarantine district under my command for the week ended

July 21, 1900:

Matanzas.—Twenty-seven deaths occurred in the city of Matanzas during the period covered by this report, showing a mortality of 31.11 per 1,000. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Tuberculosis, 4; enteritis, 4; heart disease, 2; pneumonia, 2; nephritis, 2; malaria, 1; infectious fever, 1; typhoid fever, 1; dysentery, 1; cerebral hemorrhage, 1; other causes, 8. The following cases of infectious or contagious character were reported: Dysentery, 1; infectious fever, 1; typhoid fever, 1. Eight vessels arrived during the week; 5 of these were inspected and passed and 3 passed without inspection. The German steamship *Pionier*, bound from this port to Mobile, Ala., was disinfected. Nine bills of health were issued to foreign vessels. Seventy five health certificates were issued to persons leaving the island, 2 of these via Havana, Cuba. The headquarter's band and 1 battalion of the Tenth Infantry were embarked on the U.S. transport Sedgwick from this port for the port of Cienfuegos, Cuba, also 1 battalion of the Tenth Infantry was embarked on the U.S. transport Rawlins from this port for the port of Santiago de Cuba. One hundred and sixteen pieces of baggage were inspected and passed and 27 pieces disinfected; 33 bundles of clothes and bedding of the German steamship Pionier were disinfected. No other cases of yellow fever have appeared among the Santa Clara troops. Over six days having elapsed since the last case it is presumed that the outbreak is over.

Cardenas.—Acting Asst. Surg. Enrique Saez reports that 16 deaths occurred in Cardenas during the week. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Tuberculosis, 2; enteritis, 2; pernicious fever, 2; malaria, 1; bronchitis, 1; nephritis, 1; heart disease, 1; fiebre de borra, 1; other causes, 5. No cases of infectious or contagious character were reported. The death rate per 1,000 during the week was 33.61. Eleven vessels arrived during the week; 3 of these were foreign vessels and 8 coasting vessels. Five bills of health were issued to foreign vessels. The case of fiebre de borra, above noted, is probably a case of yellow fever. Dr. Saez has been directed to look into the matter, and if possible to clear up the diagnosis.

Isabela de Sagua.—Acting Asst. Surg. Pedro Garcia Riera reports that the death rate per 1,000 during the week was 21.36. No vessels arrived during the week. Three bills of health were issued to foreign vessels and 9 certificates of inspection were issued to coasting vessels.

Caibarien.—Acting Asst. Surg. Bernardo Escobar reports that 5 deaths occurred in Caibarien during the week. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Traumatism, 1; pernicious fever, 1; meningitis, 1; atresia, 1; liver abscess, 1. No case of infectious or contagious character was reported. The death rate during the week was 3.35 per 1,000. Two coasting vessels arrived during the week. Two certificates of inspection were issued to coasting vessels.

Respectfully,

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